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SUBJECT: UAW PRESIDENT LEONARD WOODCOCK PAYS FLYING VISIT TO VOLVO

1. LEONARD WOODCOCK, PRESIDENT OF UNITED AUTO WORKERS (UAW) PAID FLYING VISIT AUGUST 9-10 TO GOTEBOG VOLVO ASSEMBLY PLANT AT INVATION VOLVO PRESIDENT PEHR GYLLENHAMMAR. AT INTERVIEW FOLLOWING VISIT WOODCOCK PRAISED VOLVO JOB DESIGN AND WORK ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS USING ASSEMBLY TEAM CONCEPT ON REDESIGNED ASSEMBLY LINE AS MOST ADVANCED IN WORLD AND WAY AHEAD OF ANYTHING IN US. ALSO ALLUDED TO PROBLEM IN US AUTO PLANTS OF COMPULSOARY OVERTIME, INDICATED UAW GOAL OF ELIMINATING THIS FEATURE FROM CONTRACTS CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION.

2. WOODCOCK SIDE-STEPPED QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT GOTEBOG VISIT PERTAINED TO RECURRENT RUMORS OF VOLVO PLANS TO BUILD US ASSEMBLY PLANT BY SAYING ONLY THAT A VOLVO PLANT IN US WOULD BE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF EXPANDING VOLVO MARKET.

3. SWEDISH METAL WORKERS UNION INFORMED SHORTLY IN ADVANCE
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OF WOODCOCK TRIP AND ARRANGED VISIT WITH VOLVO TRADE UNION

REPS AUGUST 9. WOODCOCK VISIT WITH VOLVO MANAGEMENT TOOK PLACE AUGUST 10. ALTHOUGH TRADE UNION MEETING WITH WOODCOCK IN ADVANCE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING, METALWORKERS CLAIM THEY RECEIVED NO CLEAR INDICATION OF PURPOSE OF VISIT NOR ANY FOLLOW-UP REPORT. RUSH CHARACTER OF VISIT LEADING TO SPECULATION THAT VOLVO DECISION NEAR RE LONG-RUMORED US ASSEMBLY PLANT.

4. WOODCOCK VISIT RUFFLED FEATHERS WITHIN SWEDISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (LO). LO HAD INVITED UAW CHIEF TO LO 75TH ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 11-12 AND HAD RECEIVED TELEGRAM AUGUST 9 THAT DUE TO ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WOODCOCK UNABLE TO LEAVE US. AUGUST 11 NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT OF WOODCOCK PRESENCE IN GOTEBOURG, COUPLED WITH NON-ATTENDANCE AT LO STOCKHOLM CEREMONIES, WRYLY NOTED BY NUMEROUS LO OFFICIALS.

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